



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 1637

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.) : Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman
Application No.: 09/942,596) : Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: August 31, 2001) :
For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING) : January 3, 2006 (first business day
BASE SEQUENCE OF) : following New Year's Day and
NUCLEIC ACID) : National Day of Mourning holidays)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

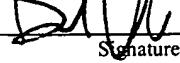
Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to Wednesday, January 3, 2007 (the day after the New Year's Day and National Day of Mourning holidays) by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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